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Rs. 19,335 from State Funds for the purpose. Out of this a sum of Rs. 13,000 had already been disbursed and the balance is being distributed to the victims.

SRI M. CHADAYAN: സർ, ചിറക്കൽ താലൂക്കിൽ ഭയങ്കരമായ കൊടുങ്കാററു കൊണ്ടു് നാശനഷ്ടങ്ങൾ അനുഭവിക്കേണ്ടിവന്ന പാവങ്ങളായ കുടുംബങ്ങൾക്ക അനുവദിച്ച സംഖ്യ ഇതുവരെ കൊടുത്തുതീർത്തിട്ടില്ലെന്ന വാസ്തവം ഗവമ്മേണ്ടിന്നറിയാമോ ? അതിന്റെ കാരണം ഗവമ്മേണ്ടിന്റെ പക്കൽ പണമില്ലാഴ്മയാണോ, ജില്ലാ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ അനാസ്ഥയും വീഴ്ചയുമാണോ ?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member says that compensation has not been paid and asks whether it is due to lack of funds with the Government or due to dereliction of duty on the part of the officers concerned.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: It takes some time to make enquiries and disburse the amount. Out of Rs. 19,335, Rs. 13,000 have already been disbursed and the balance is being disbursed. There is bound to be some delay because we cannot simply throw away the money to all people who ask. We have to see whether the people are actually affected.

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: I rise on a point of order, Sir. In answering a supplementary question put by me on the seven questions taken up together, the Hon. Minister said that it was a different question altogether relating to land reforms. The Minister said in answer to the main question that the amount was given for building or repairing the damaged houses. When a party received the amount and went to the place, he was not permitted to carry out the repair. That was the reason why I asked whether the Hon. Minister was aware of such a situation and, if so, what action had been taken to avert it. My question was a pertinent question. Therefore the Hon. Speaker may, if he has no objection, direct the Minister to answer the question.

MR. SPEAKER: A point of order should relate to the procedure in the House, and it cannot arise out of the substance of a reply given by a Minister. If there is any irregularity in procedure committed by the Speaker, a Minister or a Member, it will be in order for any member to rise on a point of order and bring the irregularity to the notice of the Speaker. In this case the Member says that the reply given by the Minister is not correct. I am sorry the point raised cannot be regarded as a point of order.

Vridhachalam-Vepur-Salem road

* 2564 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many petitions were received by the Government during 1954 for improving the roads from Vridhachalam to Vepur and from Vepur to Salem to make them quite fit for bus traffic;

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(*b*) the action taken thereon; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposal to run buses on the road leading to Salem from Vepur?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (*a*) No petitions were received.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) No, Sir.

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU: விருத்தாசலம்-வேபூர்-சேலம் போகும் ரோடு நீண்டநாளாக ரிப்பேர் செய்யப்படாமல் இருப்பதால் அந்தப் பக்கத்திலே ஜன போக்குவரத்து மிகக் கஷ்டமாக இருக்கிறது. ஆதலால் கூடிய சீக்கிரத்தில் அந்த ரோடை ட்ராபிக் ரோடாகச் செய்து, பஸ் போக்குவரத்து ஏற்படுத்த சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: இப்போதுதான் கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அதைப்பற்றி என்னிடம் சொல்லுகிறார். இனிமேல் அதைப் பற்றி யோசிக்கவேண்டும்.

House-sites for Harijans in Malabar

* 2565 *Q.*—SRI M. CHADAYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Harijan families of Malabar district have been granted house-sites last year;

(*b*) whether the Government have appointed any Special Officer to acquire land for house-sites for the Harijans of Malabar; and

(*c*) if so, the length of time allotted to him to complete the work?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: (*a*) During the year 1954 no Harijan families were granted house-sites in Malabar district. Acquisition proceedings have however been initiated to provide house-sites for 50 families.

(*b*) & (*c*) A special staff of one Tahsildar and one Revenue Inspector has been sanctioned in April 1955, up to 29th February 1956, to expedite the pace of land acquisition work. No time-limit has been fixed for the completion of the work. If the work is not completed within the period of sanction, the question of extension of the term of the special staff will be considered.

SRI M. CHADAYAN: മിസ്റ്റർ സ്പീക്കർ, സർ, മലബാറിലെ ഹരിജനങ്ങൾക്കു സ്ഥലം എടുത്തുകൊടുക്കാൻവേണ്ടി ഒരു സ്പെഷ്യൽ തഹസിൽദാരേയും ഒരു റവന്യൂ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരേയും നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ അവിടെ ഒരൊററ ഹരിജനുപോലും സ്ഥലം എടുത്തുകൊടുത്തിട്ടില്ല. ഹരിജനങ്ങൾക്കു വീടുണ്ടാക്കികൊടുക്കുകയെന്നുള്ളത് അടിയന്തിരമായി ചെയ്യേണ്ട ഒരു കാര്യമായതുകൊണ്ടു കൂടുതൽ സ്റ്റാഫിനെ നിയമിച്ചു അക്കാര്യത്തിൽ വേണ്ട നടപടി ഗവൺമെണ്ട് എടുക്കുമോ ?

MR. SPEAKER: The question put is " Though special staff has been appointed, not a single house-site for Harijans has yet been acquired. Will the Government be pleased to say why? "